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Just Nature for the North

ALTHOUGH it is comforting to know that the work of straightening out this end of Highway 16 still continues, it is incredible that there was ever any thought of calling it off.

For the sake of \$50,000-Prince Rupert was left hanging for a while in a state of horrible doubt. For an unbelievable moment—to put it generously—it looked as if this port was to be relegated indefinitely to a junior position at the end of a twisting mud track which frequently calls for more nerve than good sense on the part of those who navigate it.

This extraordinary uncertainty over parting with a comparatively meagre sum which, to make matters worse, had already been committed by contract, betrays some equally extraordinary thinking in Victoria. It suggests that north, say, of North Vancouver, nothing is regarded as particularly important about the coastline, excepting perhaps the occasional industry which has received some attention by financial editors.

Ignore Prince Rupert if it will, this kind of thinking also ignores the remarkable growth of Terrace and other points along the line. It fails entirely to visualize the importance of providing good highway access to the coast for those communities in the northern interior which are expanding faster than some bureaucrat can say "cancel the \$50,000."

Living on the outermost fringe of political wisdom in Victoria, it must be confessed that we are after all still pioneers. If we plow successfully through the treacherous mire to Terrace, maybe we should be thankful instead of indignant.

The settlers who crossed the mountains in their wagons did not revile nature. Instead they went to their knees in humble gratitude, and perhaps we should do the same because it seems that nature is all we are going to get.

New Deal With East Asia

AS FORMER fisheries minister R. W. Mayhew prepares to assume his post of ambassador to Japan, there is considerable expectancy in the province over the possible revival of substantial traffic between Canada and the east coast of Asia.

Having had a part in negotiating the Japanese fishing pact, Mr. Mayhew is able to approach the problem with a more or less experienced hand. His knowledge should prove useful as there are certain obstacles to any such trade revival which might present an impasse to anyone with less training.

Principally there is the very natural fear of some Canadian industries that increased trade with Japan might lead to an invasion of Japanese goods to undersell the home market. Before an agreement could be reached, therefore, firm provisions would have to be made to keep this possible menace under control.

In entering negotiations, Mr. Mayhew will undoubtedly endeavor to work out a plan for the export of British Columbia lumber and other goods to Japan with a realization that there must be a two-way flow in any deal that will encourage trade between the two countries.

Lumber offers a likely start as Japan today is using up some of its own timber reserves rather than spending money for imports. As these reserves are severely limited, the time is probably not far off when that country will look to outside sources of supply. It is here that Mr. Mayhew could make a suitable entrance into the picture and, with his thorough knowledge of the circumstances affecting both sides, effect a deal that would be mutually advantageous.

First to gain by renewed trans-Pacific trade would be the ports of B.C., and the movements of Mr. Mayhew, therefore, are watched here with interest.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Abraham believed God."—Gal. 3:6.

Railroader Named For Promotion

MONTREAL—Samuel Joseph Massey, jr., formerly terminal superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad at New Orleans, was today named general manager of the Grand Trunk Western Railway.

The appointment, effective Nov. 1, was announced by S. F. Dingle, vice-president of operations, Canadian National Rail-

ways. Mr. Massey succeeds A. C. McCarthy who is on leave of absence as a result of a long and serious illness. The new general manager who is 45 years of age, comes to the Grand Trunk Western with an impressive record of operating experience gained in twenty-six years of service with the Illinois Central.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Author Philpott Coming

I AM no relation to Oliver Philpott, the famous author of the escape book "Stolen Journey."

The singular fellow spells our family name with only one "T." But when I heard that this author of the greatest escape story of modern times was crossing U.S.A. on one lecture tour and beginning another a few days later in Saskatoon, I took the liberty of demanding that he stop off, as my guest, at his birthplace, Vancouver.

Most of us now know the story of the three-man escape from the German prison camp Stalag Luft III. We saw in the thrilling movie, THE WOODEN HORSE, how Escape Officer Oliver Philpott MC, DFC organized the famous getaway under the very noses of the German guards. Each day the British prisoners carried out their famous contraption, under which a man was concealed. All day long the prisoners leaped and vaulted over the horse, while down underneath the hidden man was tunneling furiously. Each day the mouth of the tunnel had to be covered, in time.

The whole operation was one of the most suspense-filled stories of all time. It made a grand movie, a grand book, and according to the British papers it makes a gripping story when Philpott tells it in person.

I AM not in the lecture bureau business. But if I were I would surely stage some kind of public speech or dinner, for Vancouver's famous native son, when he comes here on November 16 and 17, I think a very large crowd would gather to hear from Oliver Philpott himself a first hand story of the famous escape.

If any interested organizations, RCAF Auxiliaries, or clubs contact me I will be glad to put them in touch with Oliver Philpott's agents.

Oliver Philpott was born here in Vancouver of British parents. His father was the well known hydro-electric engineer, Lawrence B. Philpott, who did key jobs for the B.C. Electric and Western Canada Power. At age 12 Oliver was sent off to England, where he attended Aynsley Court, Radley College and Oxford. He seems to have spent most of his time on the athletic fields, but got by at academics.

In the RAF he served faithfully till he was shot down over the North Sea in December 1941.

Every prison camp had an Escape Officer, whose duty it was to plan escapes. Now all the world knows how well Oliver Philpott carried out that duty in Stalag Luft III.

I MUST confess I swiped my faint wisecrack about the spelling of Philpott's name from English history. There were two rather notorious English bishops—one Philpott who spelled his name with two "Ts," the other with only one. The double "T" used to refer to the other as "my singular brother." As I read it, one was about the worst diard that ever appeared on the scene. He made a famous or infamous speech in the House of Lords warning of utter doom to Britain if they ever passed the Reform Bill of 1832.

The name Philpott, or Philpot, is of course Norman French. Literally it means "Little Horse Lover." But another version of it meant "Fool in the Kitchen" or kitchen scullion. The Saxons could not pronounce either in French or distinguish the high-born from low-born so the Norman French name became straight Phil-Pot.

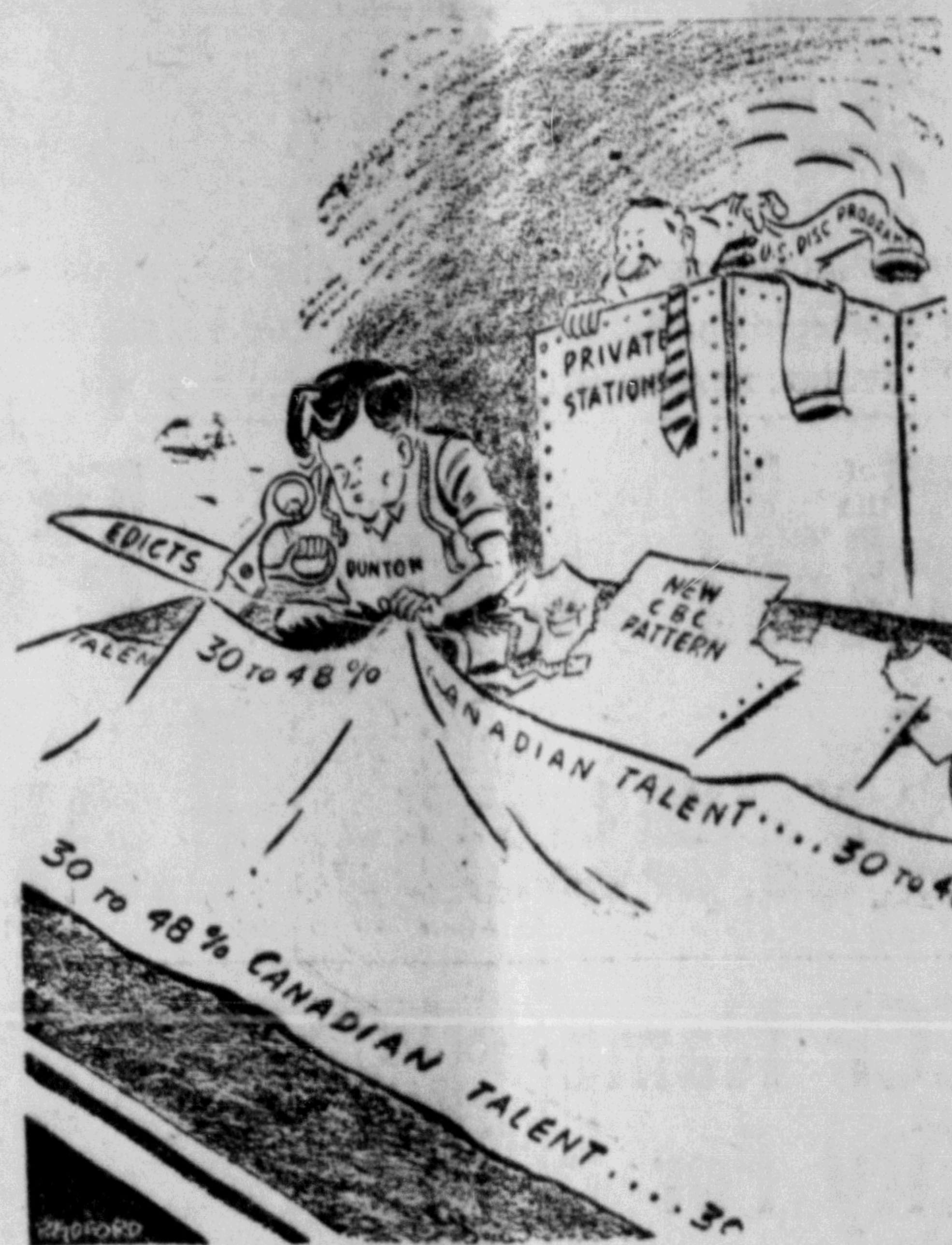
Shaves While Driving; Pays Heavy Fine

SOLIHULL, Warwick, England (Reuters)—Henceforth Frederick Evans will shave before he leaves for the office in the morning.

He was fined £4 on a reckless-driving count today for driving to work with one hand on the wheel while he used the other to shave with an electric razor plugged into the dashboard.

A traffic cop said Evans argued when accosted: "Careless? Why I do it all the time."

ENDLESS DISTANCES
It has been estimated there are about 50 billion stars in the stellar system.



"BRAVE LITTLE TAILOR"—By James Reidfild in Toronto Globe and Mail. (CP Photo)

Liberals Propose Abolition Of Annual Radio Licence Fee

OTTAWA (CP)—The high command of the Liberal party organization in Canada has called for abolition of the \$2.50-a-year radio licence fee.

IN U.S. CAMPAIGN

Election Wounds May Never Heal

By R. J. ANDERSON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK ©—In the wake of the United States presidential election of 1952 will be wounds that likely will never heal.

As the campaign roars toward its climax next Tuesday, does the victor in Europe now regret stepping from his pedestal into the hurly-burly of American politics?

Perhaps no one ever will know the answer to that question which has interested observers of one of the roughest name-calling campaigns of modern times.

A long, cordial relationship between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman seems irrevocably broken. How does Adlai Stevenson now view the General whom he admired and respected?

America was Eisenhower's June 18, 1945, when he made his triumphant return from Europe where he had led the Allied armies to victory over Nazi Germany. The presidency could have been his for the asking.

Truman himself told the General: "There is nothing that you may want that I won't try to help you get. That definitely and specifically in 1948."

But Eisenhower said he would never run for the White House. Among his reasons was his thought that he could not be disloyal to his commander-in-chief, Truman, for whom he had great affection.

In 1949, the President and Eisenhower "talked politics." Truman later related that Eisenhower told him he was not going to run for president.

Little more than two years later Truman said his 1945 offer to help Eisenhower get the presidency in 1952 still held good. He was "just as fond of Gen. Eisenhower as I can be."

But on Jan. 10, 1952, Truman said he had just found out that Eisenhower was a Republican. He did not think a Republican administration would be of benefit to the country.

The brick-bats began to fly last June. Truman in a speech made scathing reference to the army-segregation policies of certain generals. The reference clearly was to Eisenhower.

FRIENDSHIPS SEVERED
And on June 26 Eisenhower assailed the administration's foreign and domestic "failures." He demanded "a good old-fashioned clean-up and clean-out."

The fat was in the fire then. From then on as the campaign warmed up, Eisenhower, the Republican's hope for the White House, and Truman, campaigning for Stevenson, have pulled no punches in personal attacks upon each other.

And what of Stevenson, reported reluctant to accept the presidential candidacy on behalf of the Democrats because of his admiration and respect for Eisenhower?

That friendship, too, seems severed in the heat of a campaign that has seen Eisenhower repeatedly refer scathingly to his opponent with the Illinois governor returning as much as he received.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

A college education is one of the few things a person is willing to pay for and not get.

Eleven men, out of a total of 100,000 have symptoms of mouth cancer, according to a recent survey in New York State. There's nothing in that to cause symptoms of hysteria.

Of course there are two sides to every question if we really are not interested in either of them.—Greensboro (N.C.) News.

The late William D. Mansfield, Pennsylvania newspaperman, believed in "keeping it brief." He had this in mind when he wrote his will consisting of three typewritten lines. The estate he estimated at three millions. But it does not necessarily follow he made it in the newspaper business.

LEO IN HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood lions are said to be fully grown cowards, for the screen has been the only life screen juveniles jerking his they have known. To watch the king of beasts being fondled by a partly nude studio star, or see tail is a sorry sight. No brute has a more majestic look than a lion, and the proper environment is his native wilds.

Perhaps, in the early days, local old timers felt more disposed to jest, than do the folks today. For years a passenger rig linked Seal Cove with Prince Rupert. One morning, the late "Dad" Corley (father of Bud) looking mighty serious, inquired if anyone had details of the "errible smash."

"Smash? Good Lord no." What happened?
"They all went over Hays Creek bridge, as I understand it," said Dad, mentioning by name the pioneer who drove Rupert's first bus. "That is, they crossed right over."

The population of the United States is somewhere around 150 million and the general election is to take place next Tuesday. But there is not one who can say in his heart he knows who will be the new president.

All the same, it's said to be gospel truth—that Nome, Alaska, is farther west than the Hawaiian Islands and part of Ontario farther south than Oregon.

TRADE OR DITCH?
Any number of young men are digging ditches today. None have a trade, and there's quite a few.

EXPENSIVE DIGGING
NEW DELHI (CP)—Expensive equipment for sinking tube-wells has been collected by a firm now operating in three states in India. It is drilling 965 wells to irrigate about 400,000 acres of land, at a cost of about \$5,400,000. The wells are in the Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Mr. Woodrow said the Liberals have a tremendous task in administering plans for improving living standards and at the same time spending heavily on defence.

"This is reflected in the tax rate," he said. "But with a continued increase in national production, one may hope for a reduction in the rate."

In another resolution, the council endorsed the Federal Liberal administration and called on Prime Minister St. Laurent to lead the party in the next general election.

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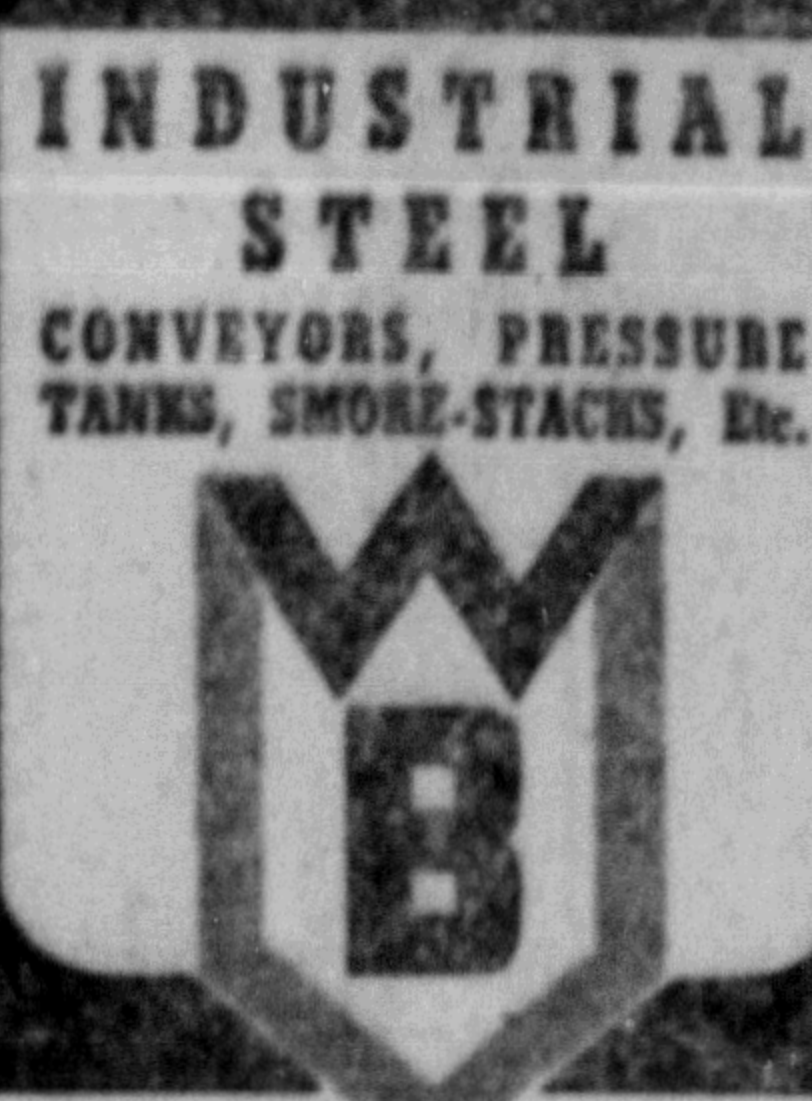
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